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# The Bulletin

Norwich, Monday, Dec. 6, 1915.

**VARIOUS MATTERS**  
This issue covers the ponds every morning now.

Christmas trade started in strong and steady Saturday.

Temperatures as low as 18 degrees were reported Sunday morning.

Every pleasant day now photographs are rushed, filling Christmas orders.

Greeks from a number of Connecticut towns are leaving to join the army.

There was a celebration of the festival of Chanukah in the synagogues on the Sabbath day.

Box for masquerade at Army navy Friday night by the military companies on sale at G. A. Davis'—adv.

Next Sunday, at the morning service, Miss Clara Converse of Japan is to speak at the Central Baptist church.

The 90th birthday anniversary of Isaac Washington was informally observed at his home in West Mystic last week.

Sale of Christmas novelties by Miss Maud C. Buckingham, at 66 Main street, will continue until Christmas—adv.

Following the custom of the old country, many English housekeepers are already preparing plum puddings for gifts and for the Christmas feast.

Motor parties to the Connecticut river Saturday noted the great quantities of ice piled up along the river bank navigation closes for the winter.

Colonel Andrew Hero, acting commandant of Fort H. G. Wright, will probably continue as commandant of the coast defenses of Long Island sound for several months.

A blue hawk recently shot by Charles Tyler at Moosup Pond had on his neck a brass tag inscribed: "Liberty, September 15, 1915; by Stephen Allen, Cross, Wisconsin."

Huntington Wilson, who attended the Huntington family reunion in Norwich, at which time he was first assistant secretary of state, has written a book entitled, "Save America!"

Saturday morning the funeral of Mrs. Samuel K. Ellis, 69, was held at her home in Rockville. Besides her husband she leaves five children, one being Mrs. Clark H. Crane of Mansfield.

Don't fail to attend the Rummage sale of the Catholic Women's club tomorrow at 10 a. m. in Thayer building; many bargains—Adv.

At Trinity Methodist church, the loose offering for Sunday was given to the Benevolent fund of the church. It has been voted that this collection be taken on the first Sunday of the month.

Hammond Harrison Shumway, 76, whose funeral took place last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George L. Shumway, Nov. 5, 1915, at the home of Hammond and Robby (Tonne) Shumway.

Rev. Kenneth B. Welles, now a pastor in Marlboro, N. Y., a graduate of Yale, 1909, and of the Union Theological seminary, 1912, has been called to the pulpit of the Congregational church at Old Lyme.

As Wednesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and a holy day of obligation in the Catholic church, masses are to be held at St. Patrick's church at 5, 7 and 8 o'clock, the last a high mass.

The battleship Connecticut, on which are a number of Eastern Connecticut boys left Port Prince on December 1 for Hampton Roads and where they are directed by radio to proceed to the Philadelphia yard.

At the rummage sale held in Norwich last week a woman tried to bargain which she needed, tried it and proved that it fitted O. K., passed over the price and triumphantly carried off a set of false teeth.

When the brethren of the famous Amen Corner gathered in the ballroom of the Waldorf, at New York, Friday night for their fifteenth annual dinner, one of the speakers was George L. Tirrell, formerly of Norwich.

A new state law which passed the last session of the state legislature provides that inmates of all almshouses in Connecticut be examined to ascertain whether any of them are imbeciles or insane.

No movement for a community Christmas tree has been made in Norwich this year. The uncertainty of the weather during Christmas week has discouraged those who promoted this pleasant public feature in previous years.

The commissary department of the New Haven road has moved from New Haven to North Braintree, Mass., to make room to meet the demand for freight facilities. The increase of freight traffic is felt especially in New Haven.

Tickets for the amateur vaudeville at the State Hospital may be secured Monday and Tuesday evenings in the First Church West Woodstock on the train waiting room, and on Franklin square automobile place, enter at North drive, at State Hospital and exit south—adv.

The following notice was sent out Saturday from Washington: Postmasters should limit the issue of copying pencils to employees who are required to use them and should impress upon such employees the necessity for conserving the supply.

Some 80 owners of motorboats and members of yacht clubs throughout the state, are expected at a meeting to be held at the Pequonnock Yacht club in Bridgeport, Friday night, when the organization of the Waterways' League of Connecticut will be perfected.

Referring to the recent address of Rev. William Zumbro, of Norwich, at the First Church West Woodstock, the Putnam Patriot said: "His word pictures of life in India were interesting, but the picture of a convict in the penitentiary was so convincing as to show the needs of the people of that country."

A communication from Adjutant General George M. Cole is requesting every military captain to secure as soon as possible the name of every man who served in any Connecticut organization in the Spanish American war, that a roster may be compiled and also that badges may be issued to all these veterans.

During his stay in Hartford, Ignace Paderewski, the pianist, who has been interesting himself in the relief of the suffering in Poland, called at the Episcopal residence to thank Bishop Nihan for the generous assistance rendered by the Catholics under his jurisdiction.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Ray O. Caul left Norwich Sunday for a visit to California.

Miss Agnes Driscoll of Stonington spent the week end in Montville.

Charles W. Gordon of Los Angeles, Cal., was a recent guest of Norwich relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Lane of Washington street is taking a course in music at the Yale Music school.

Miss Molly Granville of New London has returned home after a few days' visit to relatives in Norwich.

Dr. Clarence P. Capron has returned from a vacation trip of three weeks, spent in New York and vicinity.

Mrs. D. S. Underwood who has been in town for some time, has resigned, left for Wakefield, R. I., where she will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Hawkins of West Gloucester, R. I., recently, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Bussey and daughter of Norwich.

Mrs. Ed Burrows Clark and little daughter, Dorcas, of the Mystic Oreel school were guests of Mrs. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood R. Swan of Preston City over Sunday.

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## PALMER MEMORIAL SCHOOL BURNED

**\$50,000 Fire Loss in Montville—Hardsome Brick and Stone Building Erected by Palmer Bros. Has Only the Walls Left Standing—Started in School on Second Floor From Unknown Cause—Masons, Odd Fellows, American Mechanics and Public Library Also Burned Out—Palmer Bros. Will Rebuild at Once.**

The Palmer Memorial school, a three story stone and brick building at Montville, erected about ten years ago by Palmer Bros., quilt manufacturers, whose mill is one of the principal manufacturing plants of the town, was totally destroyed by fire which broke out a few minutes after midnight Saturday night and burned till early Sunday morning.

In the building also were the public library and lodge rooms occupied by the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the American Mechanics, and records, as practically nothing was saved from the building.

The first to discover the blaze was Frederick Crandall, the stage driver. He saw in the school room, which was on the second floor. He sounded the alarm at once and there was a response from all within sight and hearing, but there was little that could be done, though five streams of water were put on the blaze.

Help was asked from New London and an automobile apparatus from the Niagara company was sent to Montville, arriving at 1.15, but the building was completely enveloped in flames by that time.

On the main floor of the building was a school room and the public library. The second floor contained two school rooms and the assembly hall. On the third floor were the lodge rooms. It is understood that the building cost to build about \$35,000, was erected by Palmer Bros., who also bore much of the expense of its maintenance, and in about another year would probably have turned the building over to the town. It was up-to-date in every particular of equipment and was declared Sunday night by Charles W. Connelley, chairman of the school board to be probably the best school building in the state in any community of similar size.

The other members of the school committee—C. W. Connelley, chairman, Roscoe Dart, secretary, and Frank H. Rogers, treasurer, were in the building Sunday to provide quarters so that the school work of the 200 children would not be interrupted for a day by the fire.

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